



January 2017 Asides

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

Happy New Year to all and may the new year bring continued success to the SLCT in all of our endeavors. Since we have so many new members in the theatre I thought this might be a good time to review how our board of directors operates. I am sure some of you have wondered about it.

Our board consists of 7 elected volunteers who are dedicated to not only oversee the day to day operation of the SLCT but to also plan our future direction. At times we have to make difficult decisions on controversial issues knowing that no matter what our decision is, someone will be upset with us. We make our decisions based on what we feel is in the best interest of the SLCT. We also act as chairpersons or liaisons for the various committees which are necessary to keep the organization running smoothly. We usually meet once a month for a couple of hours and if any members have an issue that they would like to have us consider they are invited to the meeting. We strive to be a member friendly board, therefore all board members are open to questions or suggestions from any and all members of the SLCT.

All board members have term limits so this year we will be having 2 openings for new board members. The election will be held at our March 9th meeting. Those that have an interest in being on the board and helping the SLCT remain a strong organization should contact me or any board member and we will see that your name is on the ballot. If you have any questions about being a board member contact me or any other board member.

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| Date | Event | Location |
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| Meeting January 12, 2017 | Cocktails 6:00 Meeting 6:30 | Cottonwood |
| Meeting February 9, 2017 | Cocktails 6:00 Meeting 6:30 | Cottonwood |
| Meeting March 9, 2017 | Cocktails 6:00 Meeting 6:30 | Cottonwood |
| March 21 – 25, 2017 | Aspirin and Elephants | San Tan Ballroom |
| April 13, 2017 | Talent Show | TBA |

In Memory of
Barb Hazlett
And
In Recognition of
Years of Service
and Commitment
to SLCT

Emmett Baack
Veda Baack
Annette Berger
Lou Berger
Barbie Bergerson
Jo Birlin
Linda Caton
John Crawford
Merrie Crawford
Wes Davis
Bev Garrett
Grace Norris-Gill
Sandy Ilsen
Bud Jensen
Kathi Jensen
Gloria Kelinson
Penny Petersen
Ron Petersen
Sue Rapka
Joyce Recupido
Jeanne Schwan
Diane Siems





Our Holiday Party

Our holiday party was a wonderful success. Thanks to the several committees involved, headed by Phyllis Novy and Chris Roen, we had a record turnout and the Palo Verde Restaurant was decorated wonderfully by Jo Birlin, and the food and service by the staff, was excellent. Our entertainment, provided by the extremely talented T. A. Burrows, was one of the best we've had in recent memory. Prints of the photos with Santa (Bill Jablonsky) will be available at the next general meeting on January 12, 2017.

Barry Berger



A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!

There are many people who must be thanked for helping make our 2016 Holiday Party a huge success. Your efforts were greatly appreciated by all 84 people who attended!

Thanks go to:

Marshall, Kieran, Chef and wait staff at Palo Verde for a delicious meal and excellent service

Jo Birlin for the beautiful table decorations

Barry Berger - photographer

Bill Jablonski - our fabulous Santa

Chris Roen, chairman of the Hospitality Committee and her committee:

Sandy Ilsen, Joan Kilmartin, Joan Berger, Andrea Pearson, and Cindi Decker

Kathy Jones - reservations

T.A. Burrows, our entertainer for the evening, wrote to tell us what a great audience we were and how delighted he was to receive a standing ovation! He said that he was blessed!

(Apologies to anyone I might have forgotten.)

Thanks to all!

**Phyllis Novy
Program Chairman**

Thank You

*to everyone who donated at the
Christmas Party to the Hamilton High School Homeless Fund - We
raised almost \$1000.00!*

CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR AT SLCT'S JANUARY GENERAL MEETING!!!



Be sure to attend SLCT's meeting on January 12, 2017! (Can you believe that it is 2017 already??)

Plan to greet all of your theatre friends and let's start off the new year with a bang!

The meeting will include a very clever icebreaker that will be fun for everyone. In addition to our general meeting information we will be treated to a monologue by our own Roger Edmonds and a performance from the Drama Department of Chandler High School. Part of SLCT's mission is to help support the drama departments of Chandler's high schools.

WHEN; JANUARY 12, 2017

PLACE: SAN TAN BALLROOM

COCKTAILS: 6:00 PM

MEETING: 6:30 PM

SLCT OFFERS TWO ACTING CLASSES

Two acting classes are being offered, beginning this January.

BEGINNING ACTING will be offered on the following Saturdays: January 28, February 4, and February 11. Times are 12 pm until 3 pm.

The location is Cottonwood, room A-6. There are no prerequisites and there is no cost.

Beginning Acting is intended for people with little, or no, acting experience, as well as for those who may not desire to act but want to learn the basics and just have fun! The areas covered will include: stage directions, blocking, blocking notation, character analysis, auditions, and implementing critiques. Class members will write a character analysis and perform a prepared scene in class. Our own Merrie Crawford will be teaching this class. She has taught this class many times before and it has always been an enjoyable and edifying experience!

ADVANCED ACTING will be offered as a 6 week class. Classes will be on Thursdays, from January 19 through February 23. Times are 10 am until 12 pm. The location is Cottonwood, room A-7. Advanced Acting is for the committed actor who wants to continue developing his/her craft. It is for the actor who has had significant roles in plays and has strong memorization skills. Class members will work on monologue and scene study techniques that stress focus and deep insights into character. Although it will be reasonable, the exact cost for this class will be determined by the amount of students taking the class. Karen Burns will be teaching this class. Karen taught this class last year and is back by popular demand!

To register for either class, or for any questions, email Phyllis at phyllismyers@yahoo.com, or call her at 480-895-5961.

Acting
is believing
in Yourself
and in your craft.
Become a believer.



Our long time members Veda and Emmett Baack will be leaving Sun Lakes and the theatre group in mid-January. They have both been involved in various ways. Veda has played many roles including being a dog. She has also been in the Christmas programs, one being the Grinch. They will be missed. Veda believes Sun Lakes Community theatre has been one of my greatest pleasures of all she has experienced in the 25 almost 26

years of living in this wonderful community! We will miss all of you fun, talented and hardworking members. My cell number will not change so fell free to call come see us in O/side Ca. Love to all Emmet and Veda Baack

Attention All Committee Chairs:

I will be maintaining the on-line calendar on our website, www.slctinfo.com so we can have a central and accurate place to be able check on up-coming events and dates. Please email me, Barry Berger, at

lumenprobb@yahoo.com with meeting, performance and any other dates you might feel are pertinent.

Barry Berger





Our next performance will be on Jan. 14, 3:00 pm at Coolage College in Coolidge. We are definitely a traveling troupe!!

We will have a show at IronOaks Feb. 3. This will be open to the public. We hope that all SLCT members will come to this show and support our efforts. If you have seen us perform before, please know that every show is different because...it is improv!!

***Sun Lakes Community Theatre General Membership
Meeting Held at San Tan Ballroom - Cottonwood March 10, 2016***

Call to Order: Sandy Bocynesky called meeting to order at 6:30 PM and welcomed new members and guests. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report of February 29, 2016 was approved and filed for audit.

Approval of February, 2016 General Meeting Minutes: Motion to accept minutes, as submitted, of February, 2016 General meeting was made, seconded, approved, and carried.

Elections: Sandy Pallett reported that ballots are being collected and will be counted by the Nominating Committee. She stressed that only paid-up members are eligible to vote.

Advanced Acting Class: Two short scenes were enacted by members of the Advanced Acting Class. First by Marilyn Holt and Jo Birkin; second by Sandy Pallett and Michael Carter. Sandy P. reported that everyone thought Karen Burns was a great teacher.

Intermediate Acting Class: Sandy B. mentioned that the acting class taught by Merrie Crawford (3 week class) was very helpful and enjoyable. It is hoped that Merrie will conduct another similar class.

Year End Party: In the absence of Roxie Banta, Jo Birkin, committee member, said the party will be at Sisk Park, \$5.00 per person, payable to SLCT and sent to Roxanne Banta no later than March 25.

Summer Play: Sandy B. announced too few members auditioned for Lend Me a Tenor and Linda Caton is considering other plays. So far, there is no summer play scheduled.

Spring Play: Sandy P. announced tickets will go on sale tomorrow at Oakwood for Murder on the Oriental Rug. Please support fellow members and buy a ticket. Also spread the word to friends and neighbors.

Election Results: Phyllis Novy, Jim Janowski and Cindi Decker have been elected to fill the Board vacancies. Terms of Sandy Bocynesky, Grace Geisinger and Sandy Ilsen have expired.

Shows at Elementary Schools: Roger E. announced performances at 20 schools now completed. It was enjoyed by the children, the cast and crew members with no challenges. Play will be performed Saturday morning, March 26 after the Easter Egg Hunt, at lakeside. Please bring grandchildren to see it.

H.S. Student Scholarship: Sandy B. said the winner of \$500 award to be announced at the Year End Party.

Improv: Phyllis Novy reported the show at Oakwood on February 22 was well attended (75 attendees) and very well received. Next performance to be at Sun Lakes Country Club on March 26. Cost is \$12 for show and dinner consisting of salad and potato bar with trimmings. Tickets are on sale now at Sun Lakes Country club.

Chordaires Show: Sandy B. announced the Chordaires Show will be held Saturday, March 12 at 3:00pm and at 7:00pm. Will hand out flyers for Murder at the Oriental Rug at the Chordaires show.

Fall Show: Howard Hummel reported auditions for the Fall show, entitled Dearly Departed will be held April 16. Please contact him if you wish to audition and/or need a script.

Next Board Meeting: Sandy B. asked new Board Members to get together and set a date for the next meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

**Sun Lakes Community Theatre
General Membership Meeting
Held at San Tan Ballroom, Cottonwood
November 17, 2016 – 6:30 P.M.**

Call to Order: Sandy Pallett called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. and welcomed everyone.

General Membership Meeting Minutes: Minutes for March 4, 2016 and October 13, 2016 General Meetings were approved by the membership.

Sandy Pallett asked the membership if any one would like to chair the Sponsor Committee.

Penny Petersen gave a short version of Aspirins and Elephants. Tryouts for the play are December 4th from 2-5. Penny will do video tryout's if needed.

Christmas Party is at Palo Verde on December 4, 2016. Cost is \$25.00.

Dues are due by January 1, 2017.

John Crawford talked about the Riser Levelers.

Kathy Jones explained where the Financial Information is located on the Website.

Membership gave Howard Hummell a big hand for his successful Play, Dearly Departed.

Recognizing Long Time Members: Phyllis Novy honored and thanked members who had been in SLCT for 15 years or better for all their hard work, whether on stage, directing, back stage or ushering.

Phyllis honored Barb Hazlett, who passed away recently, for her long time contributions to SLCT. Phyllis called up Merrie Crawford, Penny Petersen and Veda Baack.

Merry Crawford joined SLCT in 1998, but didn't meet Barb until long after she joined SLCT. She said that Barb was known as the "**The Legend**" and she felt a little intimidated by Barb. Upon meeting Barb Merrie found her to be a warm and wonderful individual. Merrie had the pleasure of working with Barb in **Sylvia** and Directing her in **Bench in the Sun**. There was no ego in Barb, she just was who she was.

Penny Petersen met Barb in 1995 when Penny first moved to Sun Lakes. Barb was the first theatre person Penny met and they became good friends. Barb was a very sensitive and smart person and a army brat. Some of Barb's accomplishments prior to moving to Sun Lakes were as follows: Barb starred in a TV Movie titled "**A Mothers Revenge**". Barb modeled and taught for Leighton Talent Agency and starred in many television commercials. Barb's favorite roles were "**Auntie Mame, the Prime of Miss Jean Brody and Craig's Wife**". In 1991 Barb served as President of the Theatre. Barb also served many years on the Board for several election cycles. Barb starred in the following productions: 1) Blithe Spirit (1991); 2) Man with the Plastic Sandwich (1991); 3) Plaza Suite (1992); 4) The Odd Couple (1993); 5) Arsenic and Old Lace (1994); 6) Night of January 16th (1996); 7) The Curious Savage (2000); 8) Sylvia (2004); 9) A Bench in the Sun (2007); and 10) 100 Lunches (2011). Barb Directed the following productions: 1) You can't Take It With You (1995); 2) Because Her Heart was Pure (1996); 3) Night of January 16th (1996); and 4) Over the River and Through the Woods (2001). Barb moved to the Renaissance in 2013 and put on several one act plays, which Annette and Lou Berger Directed. Barb also worked technical support for some of the shows. Barb also worked for the Sun Lakes News, which was a cable television news, which ran for five years on the Robson Channel 49.

Long Time Members being honored shared funny stories of their experiences during some of the productions, They were given Certificates and Roses. Long Time Members included the following: Veda Baack, Emmett Baack, Annette Berger (did not attend), Lou Berger (did not attend), Barbie Bergerson, Linda Caton (did not attend), Merrie Crawford, John Crawford, Wes Davis, Bev Garrett, Sandy Ilsen, Bud Jenssen (did not attend), Kathi Jenssen (did not attend), Penny Petersen, Ron Petersen, Sue Rapka (did not attend), Jeanne Schwan, Diane Siems, Jo Birlin, Grace Norris-Gil (did not attend), Gloria Kelinson and Joyce Recupido.

All Financial Data is now available on the SLCT Website.
Type in the following Website Address.
slctinfor.com/generalarchives. Click on the Financial Folder. It
will drop down. Click on the file you want to review.

Kathy Jones

As the Sunshine person on the board, I look forward to keeping you informed of different events. If you have any life-cycle information for our fellow Theatre Group members, births, deaths, illness, graduations, please contact me at lumenprobb@yahoo.com or (480)883-2071.

Barry Berger

SLCT is a Well-Wired Organization

Please visit the SLCT website at <http://www.slctinfo.com/>. It has information on upcoming productions, club history, past productions, photo slideshows, and much more. It even has a Resources page full of links to job descriptions of all SLCT roles, our bylaws, and other important information. It also has a button on the home page to connect you to our Facebook account and a button that points to an up-to-date calendar of scheduled SLCT events. If you have ever had a question about anything in SLCT, this is the place to go. See you there.

Jim Nielsen

Sun Lakes Community Theatre Board 2016 -2017

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